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	Title	CARBONYL-STRESS IMPROVING AGENT AND PERITONEAL DISYLATE

Sir:

Subject to the approval of the examiner in charge of this application and prior to substantive examination of this application please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS**IN THE SPECIFICATION** (SUBSTITUTE AS NECESSARY)

Please add the following paragraph beginning on page 1, beneath the title:

--CROSS-REFERENCES

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/JP99/04521 filed August 23, 1999 which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on March 2, 2000.--

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**Formal Matters**

Claims 1-12 remain pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

The specification has been amended to comply with 37 CFR §1.78(a) to claim the benefit of International Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/04521.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.